

For years I have voted as solid Republican. However, I am beginning to question my party affiliation. Having traveled several times to Europe this spring, I was appalled at the huge difference in war coverage between the European and American media. To put it simply, American media sanitized the event. The only plausible explanation for this is the increasing trend in America to present news as entertainment, a horrible deviation from the precedent set by broadcasting greats such as Edward R. Murrow. A successful Democracy is not possible without an educated voting public. To lessen the restrictions of media ownership has only one possible outcome-the elimination of any incentive for media conglomerates to alter this present trend in news reporting. The results will be disastrous for the United States in the global arena. I am the co-owner of a large printing company in the Twin Cities. If this FCC ruling passes, it will be the last straw for not only myself but the rest of the company board as well. We will be left with no choice but devote a considerable amount of company resources to the defeat of the president in the coming election.